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25X1 1. There is a runer being circulated in the Chongjin (Seishin) (129-49, 41-46) area that one of the minerals required for making atomic bombs is being mined at a mine somewhere in South Hamgyong (Kanko) Province and that 25X1 Soviet soldiers are guarding the mine and a large area around the mine. Note: Rumors from Hungmam (Koman) (127-33, 39-52) in South Nameyong Province concerning atomic research by Soviets at Hungman People's

25X1 Factory have been reported

- 2. It is rumored also that the laborers at this mine in South Hengyong Province have a high standard of living and receive special treatment as far as food and living quarters are concerned. However, according to the rumor, the laborers will be sent to Siberia for security reasons after their work at the mine is finished.
- It is rumored also that material from the mine has already been shipped and 3. is still being shipped to the USSR.

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